



A PROCLAMATION

Anent Burying in Scots Linen.



I AM E S by the Grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To
at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting, Forasmuch, as by Our Act of Parliament of the date the 14 of June, 1686. For the encouragement of the Linen Manufactories in this Kingdom, and prevention of the Exportation of the Moneys thereof, by Importing of Linen; We did, with Advice and Consent of Our Parliament, Statute and Ordain; that thereafter no Corps of any person whatsoever should be Buried in any Shirt, Sheet, or any thing else, except in plain Linen, or Cloth of Hards, made and Spun within this Kingdom, without Lace, or Point; Discharging thereby the making use of Holland, or other Linen Cloth, made in other Kingdoms, all Silk, Hair, or Woollen, Gold, or Silver, or any other Stuff whatsoever, than what is made of Flax or Hards, Spun and Wrought within the Kingdom, and that under the pain and penalty of 300 Pounds Scots *toties quoties* for a Nobleman, and 200 Pounds Scots for each other person: And for the better discovery of the Contraveeners, it is Ordained, that every Minister within the Kingdom shall keep a Book, containing an exact accompt of all persons buried within their said Parishes; As also, that some one or more of the Relations of the deceased person, or other credible person (Tennents in the Countrey, and Cottars being always excepted) should within eight days after the Interrment bring a Certificat upon Oath in Writing, witnessed by two famous persons to the Minister, Declaring that the said Person was wound or wrapt in manner therein prescribed; Which Certificats are to be Recorded by the Minister *gratis*: And if no person shall bring such a Certificat within the space foresaid, then the Goods of the deceased person to be liable to the foresaid Forfaulture, as in the said Act is at more length exprest. And We understanding that the same hath not received that due obedience which was required, and by Us designed to the end foresaid, Do with Advice of Our Council of Trade, Revive and renew the said Act, and Ordain the same to be put to due and vigorous execution in all time coming; And for the better effectuating of the same, We do hereby Require all the Ministers within this Kingdom to send in all such Certificats as they shall receive, in manner above mentioned, to the Clerk of Our said Council of Trade, betwixt and the first of November next to come, together with a List of the names of all such as are, or shall be Interred before that time, without Certificats brought to them in manner contained in the said Act, with Certification. And that Our pleasure herein may be known, Our Will is, and We Charge you strictly, and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat Cross of Edinburgh, and all other places needful, and there in Our Royal Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make Publication of Our Pleasure in the premisses, that punctual obedience may be given thereto, and none pretend ignorance.

Given at Edinburgh, the Fifteen day of August, One thousand six hundred eighty eight years, and of Our Reign the Fourth Year.

Per A^{ss}um Dominorum Concilii Commer^{ci}

Re: Maine Cls. Concilii Commer^{ci}

GOD save the KING.